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SUBJECT: STATUS OF BLACK BUSINESSMEN'S ALLIANCE MISSION

REFS: (A) EISELT/CLARK TELECON, 3/28, (B) USDOC 5360,
(C) TOKYO 4782, (D) TOKYO 1510

1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY REQUESTS CONFIRMATION ASAP STATUS OF
ALLEGED IOGA MISSION. END SUMMARY.

2. MITI HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM MR. FRED STONE, PRESIDENT
OF BRANTANICA IMPORTS CORPORATION, (1080 NORTH OMNI INTER-
NATIONAL, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, 30303, TEL: 404-577-6681) RE-
QUESTING GOJ/MITI ASSISTANCE FOR TRADE SHOW IN TOKYO AND
OSAKA. SCHEDULE: APRIL 1-4 IN LOS ANGELES, THEN TWO WEEKS
IN JAPAN.

3. STONE LETTER MENTIONS OFFICIAL USDOC ACCEPTANCE AND
SUPPORT FOR TRADE PROMOTION ACTIVITIES. IMPLICATION IS
THAT GROUP HAS IOGA STATUS.

4. PER EISELT-CLARK TELECON, TOKYO TRADE CENTER HAS RE-
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SERVED APRIL 5, 6, AND 7 FOR BLACK BUSINESSMEN'S ALLIANCE
MULTIFIRM BSP. AMDO HAS PRIOR COMMITMENTS AND IS NOT
AVAILABLE.

5. EMBASSY REQUESTS ASAP CONFIRMATION OF STATUS AND SIZE
OF GROUP.

6. MITI SOURCES NERVOUS THAT STONE GROUP WILL PRESENT

ITSELF AS OFFICIAL USG FOLLOW UP TO USHIBA-STRAUSS AND
IKEDA IMPORT PROMOTION MISSION.

7. COMMENT: AS COMMERCE AWARE, STONE HEADED A "U.S. BLACK
TRADE MISSION TO JAPAN" DECEMBER 3-16, 1977 (REF D). STATE-
MENTS ISSUED BY THAT MISSION INDICATED THAT THE GROUP WAS
SPONSORED BY USDOC AND CO-SPONSORED BY A NUMBER OF OTHER
ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES, INCLUDING EMBASSY TOKYO. THE
REFERENCES TO COMMERCE AND THE EMBASSY WERE NOT ACCURATE,
AND EMBASSY IS CONCERNED THAT PENDING VISIT MAY ALSO BE
MISREPRESENTED. MANSFIELD

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